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## **COFFEYVILLE, KAN., PLEADS GUILTY ON DAY OF TRIAL TO PASSING COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Coffeyville, Kan., man, who was scheduled to start trial this morning, pleaded guilty in federal court today to passing counterfeit \$100 bills in the Springfield, Mo., area.

**Tyrone L. Scarborough**, 29, of Coffeyville, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to the charge contained in a July 6, 2005, federal indictment.

**“Scarborough** was scheduled to go to trial today, but pleaded guilty just before jury selection was set to begin,” Graves said.

By pleading guilty, **Scarborough** admitted that he passed a counterfeit \$100 bill at Dalton’s Express Store on April 18, 2005, in Branson, Mo.

**Scarborough** also admitted to passing counterfeit \$100 bills Schlotsky’s Deli and Famous Footwear in Springfield and Wal-Greens in Webb City, Mo. **Scarborough** also admitted to attempting to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill at S&S Western Outfitters in Joplin, but the clerk refused to accept the note because it was suspicious, Graves said.

In addition to passing the counterfeit bills at area retailers, **Scarborough** also admitted to passing other counterfeit currency to a third party.

**Scarborough** admitted that he caused a total loss of \$9,100 by passing counterfeit currency, Graves said.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Scarborough** may be subject to a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service, the Branson, Mo., Police Department, the Joplin, Mo., Police Department, the Neosho, Mo., Police Department and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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